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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-open Patent No. HEI-9-154811, to TAKIZAWA, laid open on June 17, 1997, along with an English-language translation of the same.

Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the patent document and enclosed translation. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.



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